Dangers to American Liberty. Plutocracy to day is in a desperate plight; having no arguments at its command it has been compelled to stoop to a tyranny that its own more prudent advocates deplore, knowing well that such pseudo remedies only aggravate the evils of the already intolerable position. Revolt appears on every hand, and the revolt is no longer confined to the unthinking rabble whose aristocratic statesmen have long since learned the lesson of despising. Yesterday it was Senator Jones who cancelled the traditions of a lifetime, and turned his back upon the fold; to-day it is ex Senator Lyman Trumbull, a judge on the supreme'bench of Illinois ten years before the war; one of President Lincoln's most trusted counseilors; the man who penned the celebrated fifteenth amendment to the constitution whereby equal rights were granted to all citizens, "regardless of color or previous condition of servitude." The conduct of the federal judges in connection with the late railroad troubles has started him out of the retirement to which his weight of years had well entitled him, and he thus declares himself in a Populist speech that must ring ominously in the ears of the most salfsatisfied monopolist. We quote: "Of late years United States judges have assumed jurisdiction they would not have dared to exercise in the earlier days of the republic. They now claim the right to determine the extent of their jurisdiction and enforce such orders as they think proper to make. These federal judges, like sappers and miners, have for years silently and steadily enlarged their jurisdiction, and unless checked by legislation they will soon undermine the very pillars of the constitution and bury the liberties of the people beneath their ruins. To vest any man or set of men with authority to determine the extent of their powers and to enforce their decrees is of the very essence of despotism. Federal judges now claim the right to take possession of and run the railroads of the country, to issue injunctions without notice, and to punish for contempt by fine and imprisonment snyone who disputes their authority." Mr. Trumbull is right; and when so sged a veteran finds himself compelled to break silence, how eagerly should we of the later generations unite to swell the chorus! Take another of the representatives of plutocracy - General Schofield, whose report on the condition of our army has been noticed extensively by the press at large. It goes without saying that he calls for a large increase of the army; that is all in the program, and the general is a military man. But he also poses as a social economist, and, as such, he has become cognizant of the fact that, from time to time, many of our citizens are out of work. He opines that they should be able to find in arms the occupation they so sorely need, and that a large, flexible standing army, the strength of which should always be left to the discretion of the president who would pro- ST. LOUIS, CHICAGO, OMAHA, PEvide jobs for the unemployed. This bold bid for the establishment of military dictatorship has staggered even the capitalistic press, which points out that the unemployed are numbered by the million, and that to give the president the power of enlisting them would be tantamount to putting a czar upon the throne. The idea has been sprung too anddenly; as it grows familiar there are many quarters in which it will be cordially welcomed.-Twentieth Century,

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